



2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent DIY GuideBy Dave KThis is a genuine how-to manual (unlike some books by consultants which are thinly veiled marketing gambits to promote their advisory services).Likely readersThe book is designed for leaders responsible for emergency management, business continuity, and/or disaster recovery who have to train their staffs and other line and functional managers and specialists to be prepared for various unpleasant possibilities. Old-hands will use the book as robust checklist for staging their next exercise. Thoughtful first-timers can follow the step-by-step framework and directions to success.ScopePhelps introduces the full range of emergency management exercises - from orientations to multi-site exercises - but she really focuses on three types: orientation, tabletop, and functional. She lays out the what, why, how, who, where, and when for each.FeaturesYou might think of her doing both the play-by-play and color commentary on the exercises at the same time. She takes you through the process step by step, but she's also standing off to the side and kibitzing about actions that are critical, tricks she's learned over the years, and things she believes are goofy. (She uses exclamation marks liberally so you get a cheerleader along with the two announcers.)Most process steps are laid out in quick-to-read "bullets" which come in handy for reviewing later. Throughout the book, she summarizes key points and provides charts and tables that distill the highlights.NegativesThe casual language and informal writing style might annoy some English majors, but the text will be welcomed by readers who want a candid, cut-to-the-chase primer. As for the price, consider what you would pay her to show up for a couple of hours, let alone a whole day - when you can do it yourself with a few colleagues.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is one of the most useful work related books I have ever purchasedBy genevieve suranoThis is one of the most useful work related books I have ever purchased. Whether you are seasoned or not, this book has numerous tips and ideas for making your next exercise a success. Emergency Management Exercises: From Response to Recovery is a well organized guide for those responsible for designing recovery exercises. Even if you are an exercise expert, I would bet this has an idea, or many ideas, that can add to your arsenal.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Resource For Any Emergency Planner/TrainerBy DJAThe author did a great job of providing the ABC's to exercise design, facilitation and execution in a logical and simple format to follow outlining the types of exercises used by organizations to test their plans. The information is comprehensive, and also makes for a great reference tool at a later date. I highly recommend this book for individuals who are responsible for developing and delivering emergency management exercises. You will not be disappointed!

Exercises are a mainstay in the field of business continuity, disaster response, emergency response and incident management planning. Although many companies conduct exercises, and the organizers may be emergency response subject matter experts, they do not excel in the discipline of designing and conducting the actual exercise - which means they simply don't get the best results out of their effort. This thoughtful book starts with a "silly little question": Why are we doing this? What seems like a simple query is actually one of the keys to get the most out of every exercise you design. This text peels back the design process with the goal of creating the best experience possible. Whether you are developing a simple tabletop exercises or working on a full-scale extravaganza that resembles a Hollywood movie, this book will provide you with gems of wisdom that will make your next exercise sizzle. An internationally recognized expert in exercise design, Regina Phelps shares many of her secrets to ensure your exercise success.

About the AuthorRegina Phelps RN BSN MPA CEM is an internationally recognized expert in the field of crisis management and continuity planning. Since 1982, she has provided consultation and speaking services to clients on four continents. She is founder of Emergency Management Safety Solutions, a consulting company specializing in emergency management, continuity planning and safety. Ms. Phelps has extensive exercise design experience. She designs between 100 and 150 exercises per year.